

Saint Luke Presbyterian Church
Wednesday Morning Bible Study



The Book of 2 Samuel

The Bible records an astounding thing – King David, despite his many weaknesses and sins, is still called **BY GOD**: “a man after His own heart”. Over the centuries this has motivated many to study David, attempting to discern what it was about David that made him such a man. What do you think it was? The best way to approach this question is by studying Jesus, who was the ultimate “Man after God’s own heart”. How was David like Jesus, and how can we see this more clearly through contrasts between David and his contemporaries?

2Sam Reference	Significance	New Testament Comparison
1:17	Lamenting over those God chose, but who did not respond with their whole heart.	Lk 19:41-44
2:1-2; 5:25	Active seeking to know the will of the Father, and to do it.	Jn 5:30
3:36	Serving God <i>sometimes</i> brings great popularity.	Mt 15:30-31
6:14	God’s true sons rejoice greatly when He is glorified.	Lk 10:21
6:22	Willingness to obey, even if this means to be humbled before men, brings honor before God.	Phil 2:8
12:16	It is sometimes necessary to spend long hours in intense prayer to the Father.	Lk 6:12
15:1-6	It is possible to become popular through craft.	Acts 8:9-11
24:14	Faith places full confidence in being in the hands of the Father, even in great distress.	Lk 23:46
24:17	The greatest love is to offer yourself for others.	Jn 10:14-18
24:25	A good king effectively intercedes for his people.	Heb 7:25

The life of King David can be a source of great encouragement and inspiration for believers. Many Christians have difficulty identifying with the disciples, somehow seeing them as more than normal men. It is easier for many to identify with David, who had a humble beginning – including a family in which he was considered the least. We come to see David as a man with normal emotions and temptations, and who sinned. He suffered discipline for his sins, but never turned his back on God. God, in turn, never turned His back on David. God honored David, not because he was so perfect, but because he was so determined to overcome everything – even himself – to be close to God.